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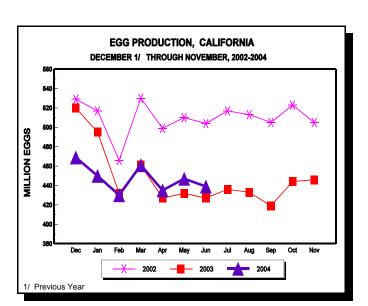


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CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during June totaled 439 million, 8.0 million less than last month, but 12.0 million more compared to last June. The average number of layers during the month totaled 20.4 million, 1 percent more than last month and June 2003. Eggs per 100 layers during the

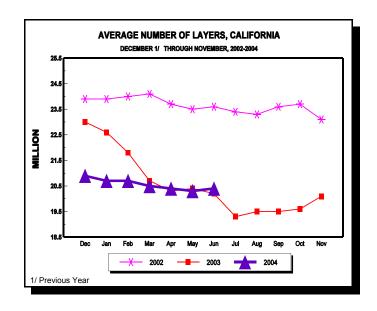
month were 2,149 compared to 2,205 last month and 2,111 in June 2003.



U.S. JUNE EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.27 billion during June 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.20 billion table eggs and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 54.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2004 averaged 342 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,126 eggs, up slightly from June 2003.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 342 million on July 1, 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 342 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs and 2.25 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 71.3 eggs per 100 layers on July 1, 2004, down slightly from a year ago.



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING JUNE. FORCED MOLTING AS OF JULY 1

External Ext											
State		Average Number Of Layers On Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
State	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	
	Thous	ands	Nur	nber	Mill	ions		Pei	rcent		
Alabama	9,620	9,430	1,861	1,813	179	171	2.5	2.0	4.0	2.5	
Arkansas	15,268	15,063	1,821	1,865	278	281	1.0	0.5	10.5	11.5	
California	20,223	20,431	2,111	2,149	427	439	4.0	7.5	39.0	29.0	
Georgia	20,554	20,197	1,980	2,025	407	409	5.5	4.0	14.5	18.5	
Indiana	22,611	23,531	2,220	2,197	502	517	4.5	4.5	33.5	29.0	
Iowa	38,673	44,204	2,154	2,142	833	947	9.0	6.5	32.0	37.5	
North Carolina	10,869	10,913	1,951	1,897	212	207	2.0	2.0	10.0	9.0	
Ohio	28,981	28,303	2,108	2,152	611	609	6.5	9.0	26.0	24.5	
Pennsylvania	24,506	24,189	2,271	2,270	556	549	2.5	2.5	19.5	16.5	
Texas	18,293	18,016	2,148	2,159	393	389	2.0	2.5	24.0	20.5	
UNITED STATES	334,789	342,133	2,122	2,126	7,105	7,273	4.3	4.6	23.9	24.0	

U.S. BROILER HATCH

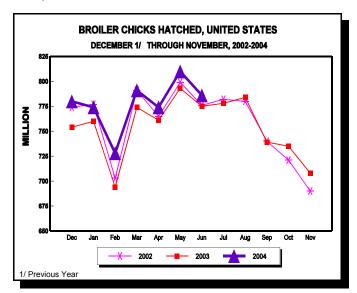
The June 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 786 million, was up 1 percent from June of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 659 million on July 1, 2004, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.70 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2004, down slightly from June 2003.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JUNE

State	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> 2003
	Thous	sands	Percent
Alabama	104,576	109,310	105
Arkansas	109,937	113,733	103
Delaware	13,231	13,889	105
Florida	4,808	4,873	101
Georgia	117,076	118,842	102
Kentucky	24,314	26,140	108
Louisiana	14,022	13,866	99
Maryland	34,221	31,496	92
Mississippi	71,296	71,334	100
North Carolina	67,882	66,710	98
Oklahoma	23,026	23,573	102
Pennsylvania	13,023	12,648	97
South Carolina	16,681	13,393	80
Texas	53,771	54,765	102
Virginia	23,724	23,934	101
California, Missouri,			
Tennessee, and West Virginia	61,310	64,605	105
Other States 1/	21,781	22,733	104
UNITED STATES	774,679	785,844	101

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U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

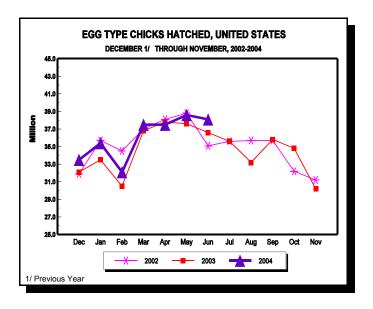
Egg-type chicks hatched during June totaled 38.1 million, up 4 percent from June 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.1 million on July 1, 2004, up 12 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 212 thousand during June 2004, down 31 percent from June 2003.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JUNE

State	2003	2004	2004 2003
	Thous	sands	Percent
Arkansas	829	747	90
Florida	780	581	74
Georgia	2,376	2,332	98
Indiana	5,023	4,770	95
Iowa	6,311	6,805	108
Minnesota	1,130	843	75
Pennsylvania	4,249	5,349	126
Other States 1/	15,904	16,639	105
UNITED STATES	36,602	38,066	104

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EGGS IN INCUBATORS, JULY 1

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		Broiler-Type		Egg-Type					
Geographic Division	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003			
	Thous	ands	Percent	Thous	ands	Percent			
North Atlantic	11,681	12,798	110	4,945	5,313	107			
East North Central	8,336	8,334	100	6,840	8,663	127			
West North Central	21,839	23,538	108	7,509	8,752	117			
South Atlantic	233,395	236,689	101	2,703	2,876	106			
South Central	335,838	352,297	105	5,101	5,017	98			
West	25,257	25,312	100	5,000	5,444	109			
UNITED STATES	636,346	658,968	104	32,098	36,065	112			

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

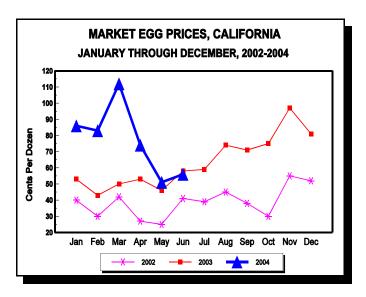
The average June prices received by California producers, when compared to May average prices, increased 5.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

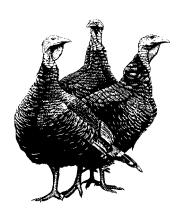
Nationally, the June broiler price, at 52.0 cents per pound, is the highest monthly price on record. This record price is due to continued high domestic protein demand, the summer barbeque season, and increasing foreign demand. The June turkey price, at 42.0 cents per pound, is up 1.6 cents from last month. June market egg prices are 49.6 cents per dozen, a seasonal increase of 2.80 cents from May.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS, COMPARISONS 1/

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Commodity	Unit	June 2003	May 2004	June 2004					
Commodity	Offic	Cents							
CALIFORNIA									
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	58.0	51.0	56.0					
UNITED STATES									
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	36.0	50.0	52.0					
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	50.1	46.8	49.6					
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	34.9	40.4	42.0					

- 1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.
- 2/ Mid-month prices.





U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

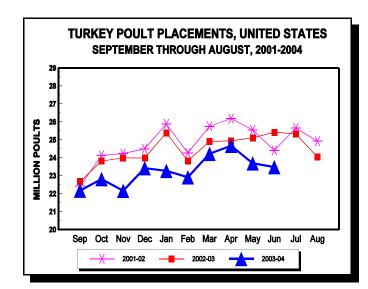
U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 30.2 million on July 1, 2004, down 6 percent from July 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 1 percent above the June 2004 total of 29.9 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central up 1 percent, West North Central down 9 percent, North and South Atlantic down 8 percent, South Central down 7 percent, and West up 5 percent.

The 23.5 million poults placed during June 2004 in the United States were down 8 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 1 percent from the May 2004 total of 23.7 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central down 5 percent, West North Central down slightly, North and South Atlantic down 15 percent, South Central down 2 percent, and West down 16 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic	Eggs in Incubators July 1		2004 2003	Poults I During	2004 2003		
Division	2003	2004	2003	2003	2004	2003	
	Thousands		Percent	Thous	Thousands		
EN Central	4,687	4,752	101	3,486	3,304	95	
WN Central	11,726	10,628	91	8,994	8,985	100	
N&S Atlantic	9,673	8,909	92	8,084	6,836	85	
S Central	2,461	2,278	93	2,044	1,993	98	
West	3,474	3,633	105	2,814	2,362	84	
U.S.	32,021	30,200	94	25,422	23,480	92	

1/ Excludes exported poults.



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/

	Total All Breeds		03-04	Cumulat	tive Total	03-04
Month	2002-03	2003-04	02-03	2002-03	2003-04	02-03
	Thous	sands	Percent	Thou	sands	Percent
Sept.	22,670	22,171	98	22,670	22,171	98
Oct.	23,811	22,805	96	46,481	44,976	97
Nov.	23,987	22,155	92	70,468	67,131	95
Dec.	23,977	23,424	98	94,445	90,555	96
Jan.	25,389	23,273	92	119,834	113,828	95
Feb.	23,833	22,905	96	143,667	136,733	95
Mar.	24,902	24,215	97	168,569	160,948	95
Apr	24,938	24,666	99	193,507	185,614	96
May <u>2</u> /	25,111	23,692	94	218,618	209,306	96
June	25,422	23,480	92	244,040	232,786	95
July	25,330			269,370		
Aug.	24,036			293,406		

- 1/ Excludes exported poults.
- 2/ Data revised for 2003-04 "Total All Breeds."

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	June 2003	May 2004	June 2004	<u>June 2004</u> June 2003	<u>June 2004</u> May 2004	
			Thousands		Percent		
PACIFIC COAST							
Turkeys	Lbs.	81,008	44,322	45,300	56	102	
Chickens	Lbs.	43,349	29,315	31,007	72	106	
Ducks	Lbs.	47	49	50	106	102	
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	124,404	73,686	76,357	61	104	
UNITED STATES							
Turkeys	Lbs.	718,212	571,124	591,580	82	104	
Chickens	Lbs.	653,259	669,846	753,097	115	112	
Ducks	Lbs.	6,115	1,043	941	15	90	
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,377,586	1,242,013	1,345,618	98	108	
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	17,951	20,554	18,431	103	90	

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